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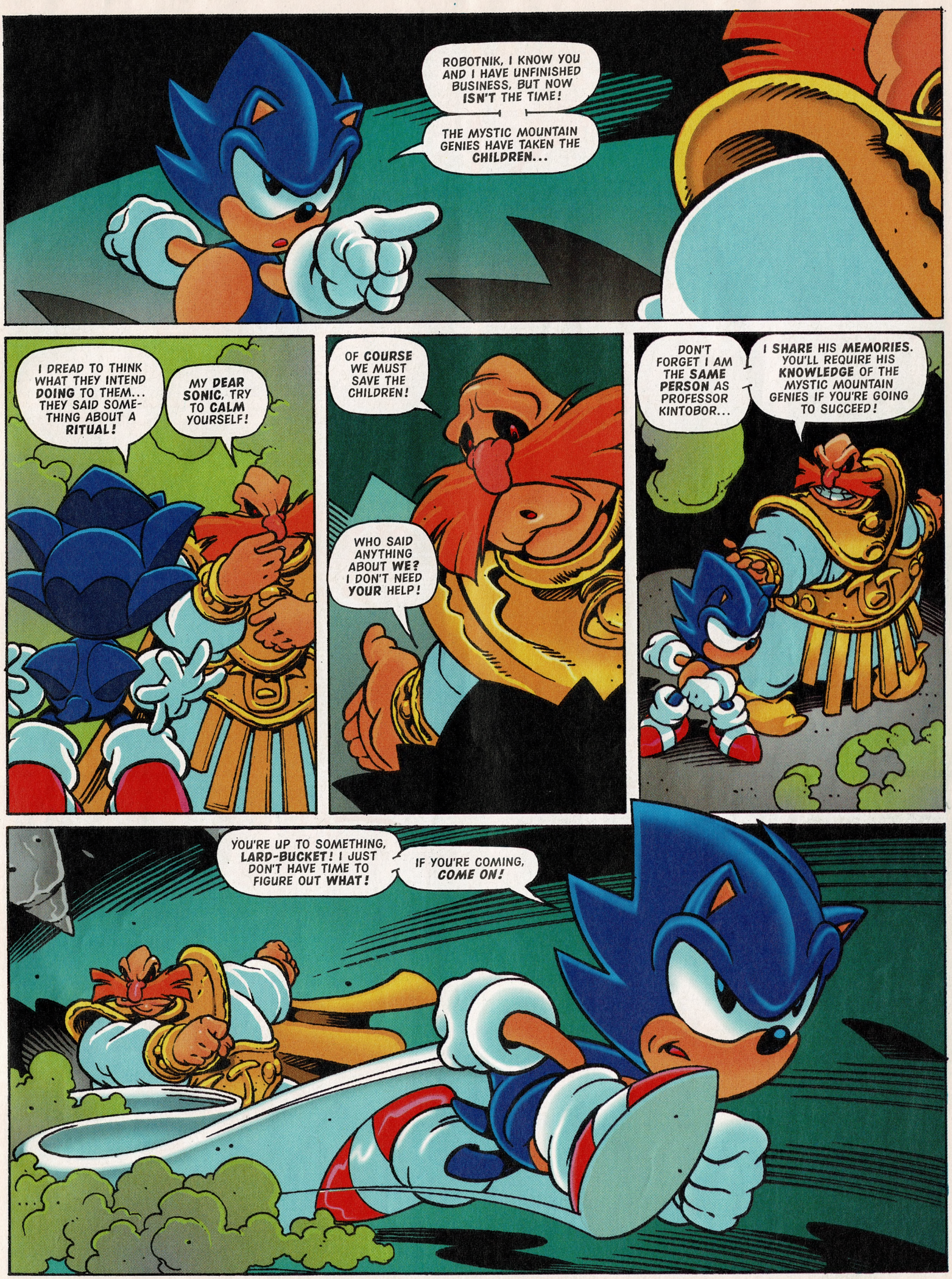
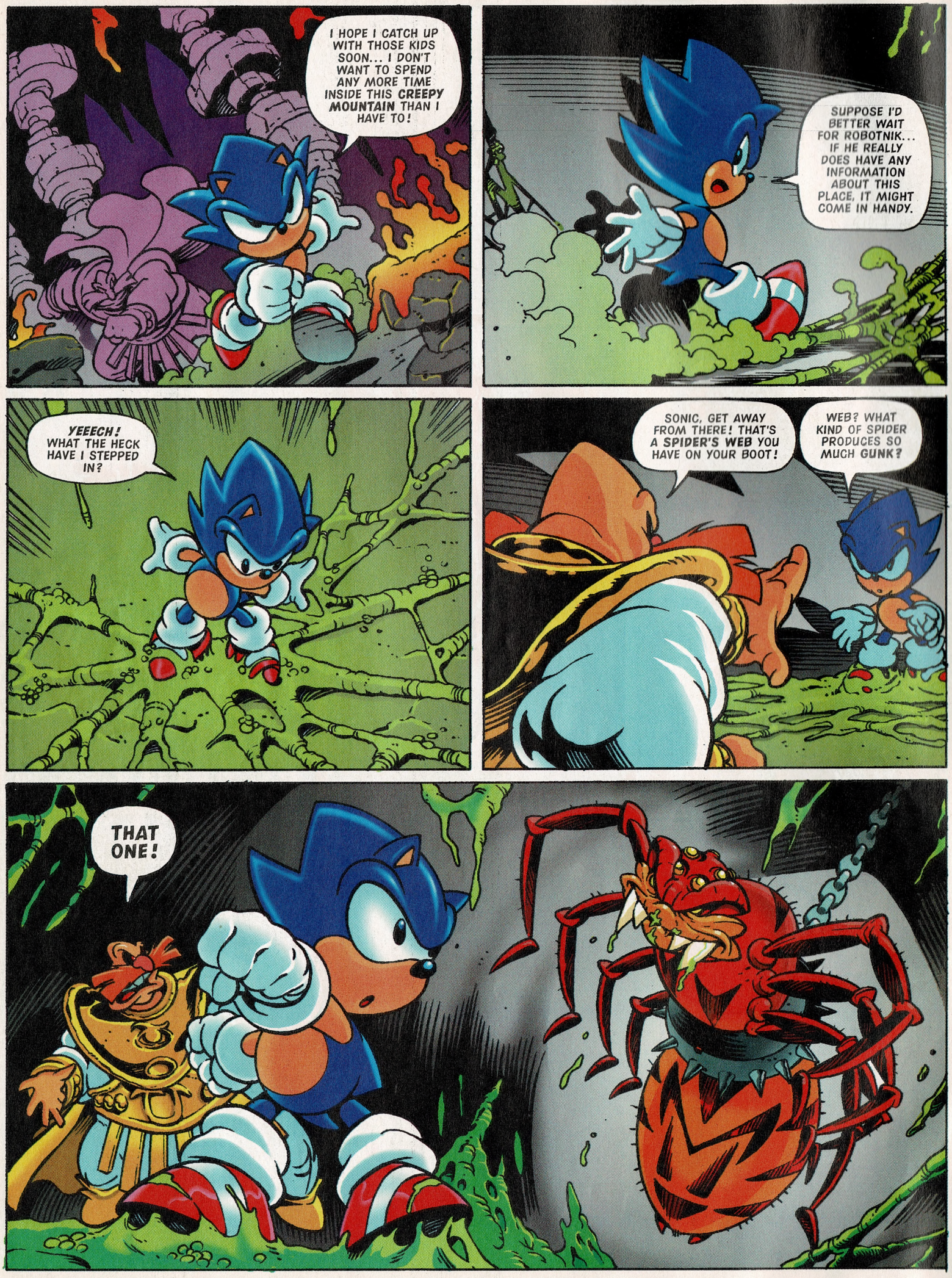
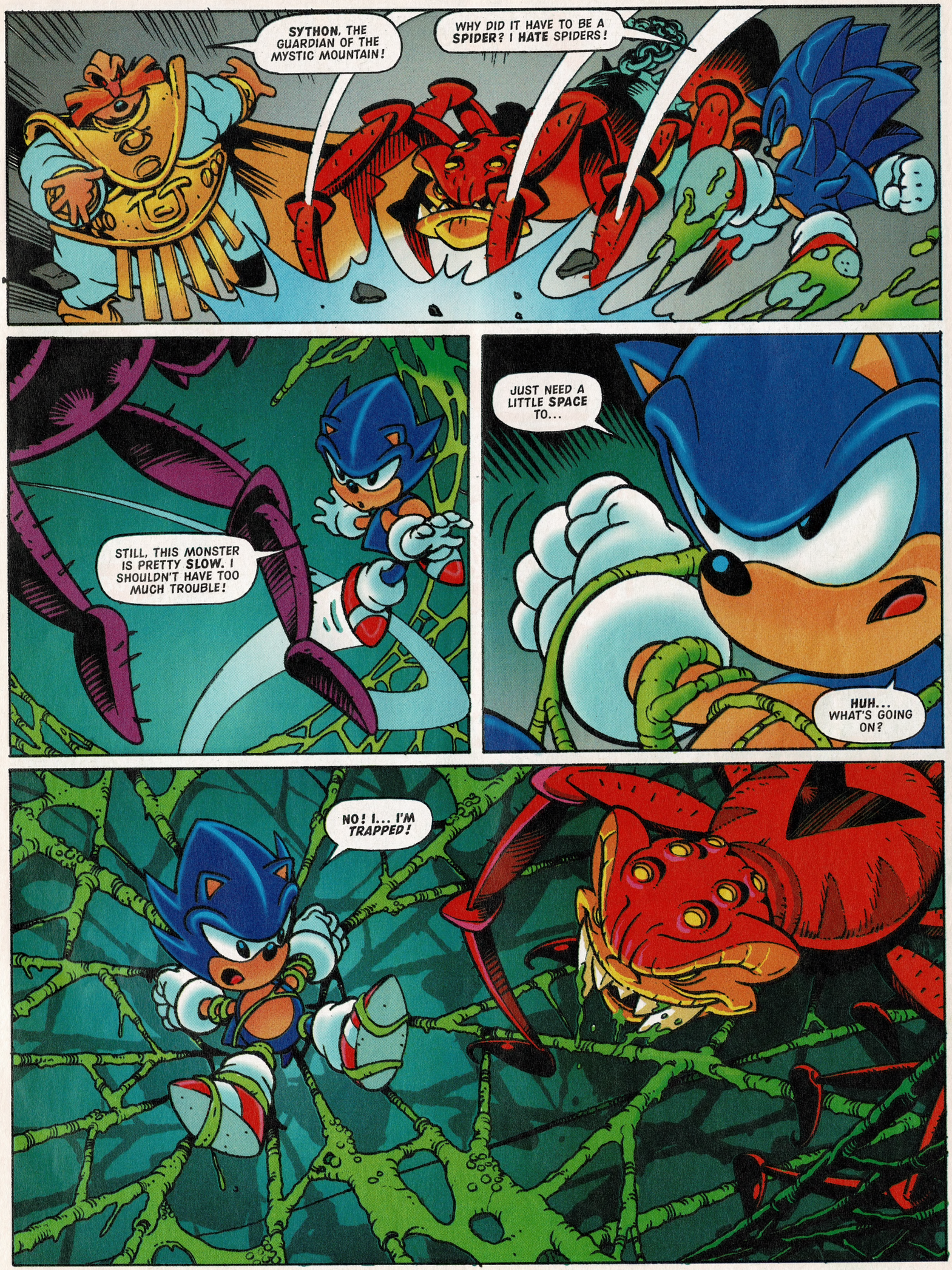
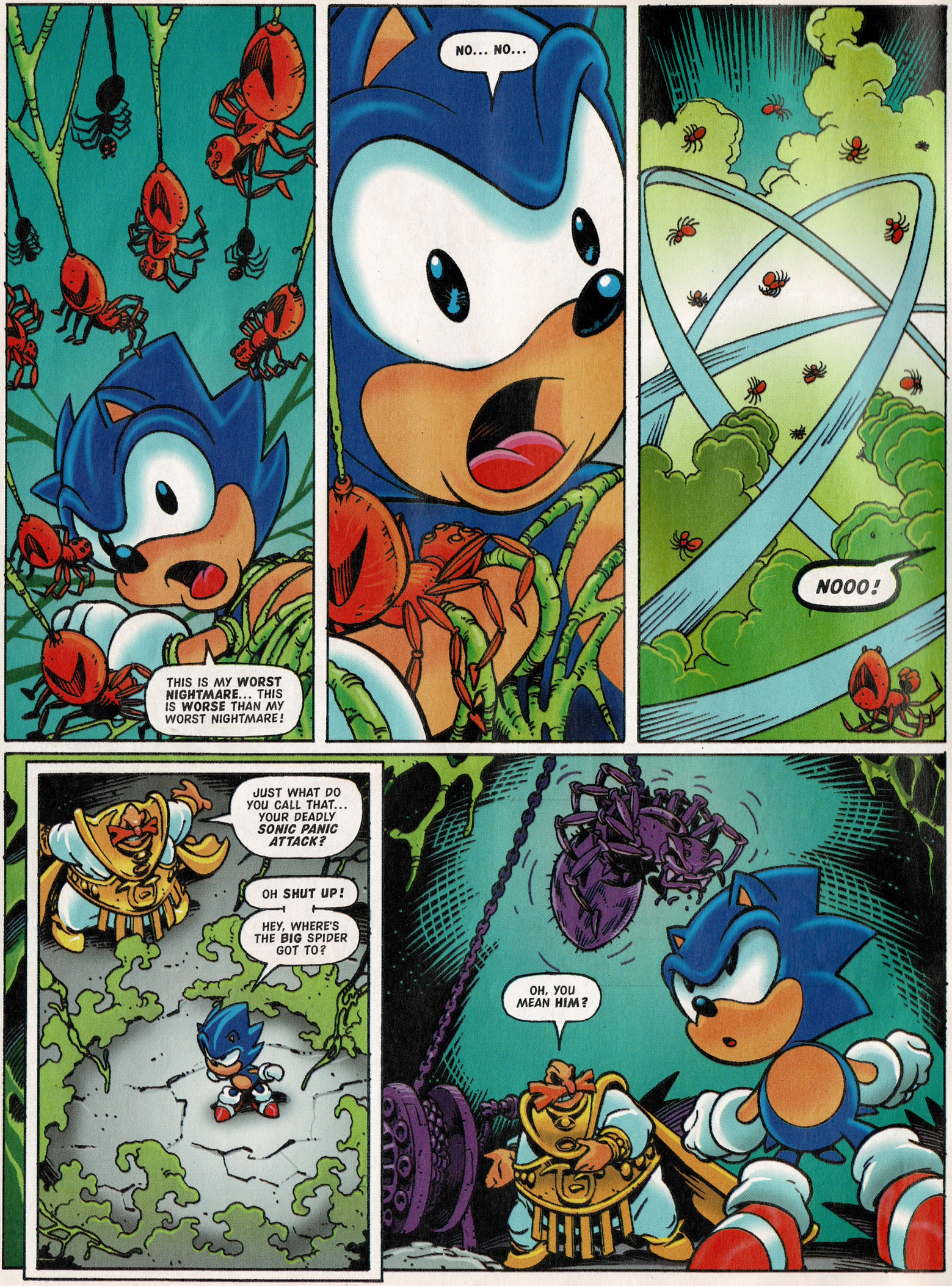
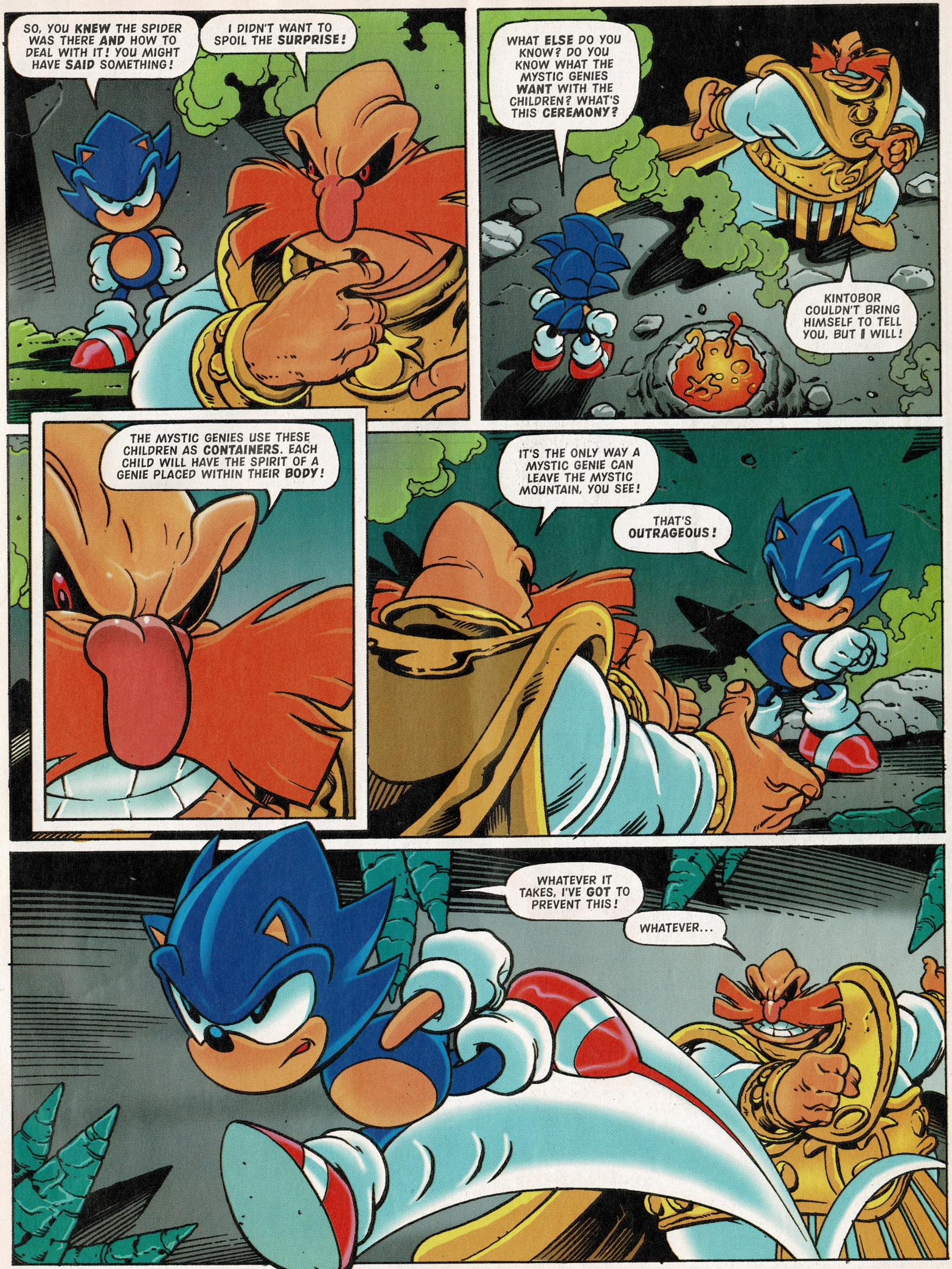
INSIDE THE MYSTIC MOUNTAIN, SONIC IS FACING AN UNEXPECTED CRISIS...
Mountain of Doom
NEW COMPLETE
Script: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: RICHARD ELSON Lettering: TOM FRAME
ROBOTNIK? BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D TURNED BACK INTO PROFESSOR KINTOBOR PERMANENTLY!
THAT'S WHAT HE HOPED TOO, HEDGEHOG! HOWEVER, AS YOU CAN SEE, KINTOBOR WAS WRONG!
HE WANTED TO KEEP ME AWAY BY USING THIS!
BUT HE'S GONE NOW...
HAHAHAHA!
AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS BACK FOR GOOD!


ROBOTNIK, I KNOW YOU AND I HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUT NOW ISN'T THE TIME!
THE MYSTIC MOUNTAIN GENIES HAVE TAKEN THE CHILDREN...
I DREAD TO THINK WHAT THEY INTEND DOING TO THEM... THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A RITUAL!
MY DEAR SONIC, TRY TO CALM YOURSELF!
OF COURSE WE MUST SAVE THE CHILDREN!
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT WE? I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
DON'T FORGET I AM THE SAME PERSON AS PROFESSOR KINTOBOR...
I SHARE HIS MEMORIES. YOU'LL REQUIRE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTIC MOUNTAIN GENIES IF YOU'RE GOING TO SUCCEED!
YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING, LARD-BUCKET! I JUST DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT!
IF YOU'RE COMING, COME ON!


I HOPE I CATCH UP WITH THOSE KIDS SOON... I DON'T WANT TO SPEND ANY MORE TIME INSIDE THIS CREEPY MOUNTAIN THAN I HAVE TO!
SUPPOSE I'D BETTER WAIT FOR ROBOTNIK... IF HE REALLY DOES HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PLACE, IT MIGHT COME IN HANDY.
YEEECH! WHAT THE HECK HAVE I STEPPED IN?
SONIC, GET AWAY FROM THERE! THAT'S A SPIDER'S WEB YOU HAVE ON YOUR BOOT!
WEB? WHAT KIND OF SPIDER PRODUCES SO MUCH GUNK?
THAT ONE!


SYTHON, THE GUARDIAN OF THE MYSTIC MOUNTAIN!
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE A SPIDER? I HATE SPIDERS!
STILL, THIS MONSTER IS PRETTY SLOW. I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE!
JUST NEED A LITTLE SPACE TO...
HUH... WHAT'S GOING ON?
NO! I... I'M TRAPPED!


THIS IS MY WORST NIGHTMARE... THIS IS WORSE THAN MY WORST NIGHTMARE!
NO... NO...
NOOO!
JUST WHAT DO YOU CALL THAT... YOUR DEADLY SONIC PANIC ATTACK?
OH SHUT UP!
HEY, WHERE'S THE BIG SPIDER GOT TO?
OH, YOU MEAN HIM?


SO, YOU KNEW THE SPIDER WAS THERE AND HOW TO DEAL WITH IT! YOU MIGHT HAVE SAID SOMETHING!
I DIDN'T WANT TO SPOIL THE SURPRISE!
WHAT ELSE DO YOU KNOW? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE MYSTIC GENIES WANT WITH THE CHILDREN? WHAT'S THIS CEREMONY?
KINTOBOR COULDN'T BRING HIMSELF TO TELL YOU, BUT I WILL!
THE MYSTIC GENIES USE THESE CHILDREN AS CONTAINERS. EACH CHILD WILL HAVE THE SPIRIT OF A GENIE PLACED WITHIN THEIR BODY!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY A MYSTIC GENIE CAN LEAVE THE MYSTIC MOUNTAIN, YOU SEE!
THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS!
WHATEVER IT TAKES, I'VE GOT TO PREVENT THIS!
WHATEVER...

THEY'VE GOT TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
STOP!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO THEM... THEY'RE INNOCENT CHILDREN!
TOO LATE, SONIC... THE RITUAL OF TRANSFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEGUN!
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Treasure Seeker
CASTLE GRIMM, A LEGENDARY PLACE ON PLANET GREMLYN IN A DISTANT GALAXY...
I'M SURE I'M ALMOST THERE!
Script: Lew Stringer Art & cover: Bob Cooke Colour: Nigel Dobbyn Lettering: Elitta Fell
INSIDE, EXPLORER XENOR KRELL NEARS THE END OF HER QUEST...
AFTER ALL THE DANGER I'VE OVERCOME, THE ULTRAGEM MUST BE NEARBY... IT MUST BE!
SUDDENLY...
RRRAAGHH!
UGGH! SERPENTUS! GUARDIAN OF THE GEM!

AT THAT MOMENT, AMY AND TEKNO EMERGE FROM THE LIMBO DIMENSION...
ANOTHER WORLD, ANOTHER RESCUE MISSION, TEKNO!
AND NO PRIZES FOR GUESSING WHO NEEDS RESCUING!
HELLLP!
SPTANNG!
SPTANNG!
HEY, GO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR YOUR LUNCH!
BINGO! HE'S OFF!
ARE YOU OKAY?
THANKS, BUT NNGH... I THINK I TWISTED MY ANKLE WHEN I FELL! WHERE DID YOU TWO APPEAR FROM ANYWAY?
WE TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS TO HELP PEOPLE! THE FACT WE'RE STILL HERE MEANS WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO!
MY NAME IS XENOR KRELL! I'M ON A QUEST TO RETRIEVE THE ULTRAGEM WHICH WAS STOLEN FROM MY PEOPLE! THEY NEED IT TO POWER THEIR CITY!

WHY DON'T YOU REST HERE WITH TEKNO AND I'LL FINISH YOUR MISSION?!
IF YOU'RE SURE, BUT BE CAREFUL! THERE'S BIG DANGER AHEAD!
RELAX! IF I WANTED A QUIET LIFE, I WOULDN'T DO THIS FOR A LIVING!
NO DANGER SO FAR!
THE MAP'S UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT'S BEHIND THE DOORS! I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE POT LUCK!
FWOOSHH!
YIKE! WRONG CHOICE!

OKAY, SO THIS IS THE RIGHT DOOR....
OH NO! SOMEONE'S HAVING A LAUGH HERE!
SPLOSHH!
GLUB! THAT LIGHT MUST LEAD TO AN EXIT... IF MY LUNGS HOLD OUT!
GASP!
THIS "ULTRAGEM" HAD BETTER BE WORTH IT AFTER ALL THIS!

YES! GAME OVER! THAT MUST BE THE ULTRAGEM!
AS SOON AS I GIVE THIS TO XENOR, TEKNO AND I CAN LEAVE THIS PLACE BEHIND!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE? IF SERPENTUS RETURNS, I'M READY FOR IT!
CRREEAK...!
A BOILING LAVA PIT! YAAGH!

CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE: **SPLASHDOWN!**

MEET THE STC CREATORS

THIS EASTER AT COMICS 99!

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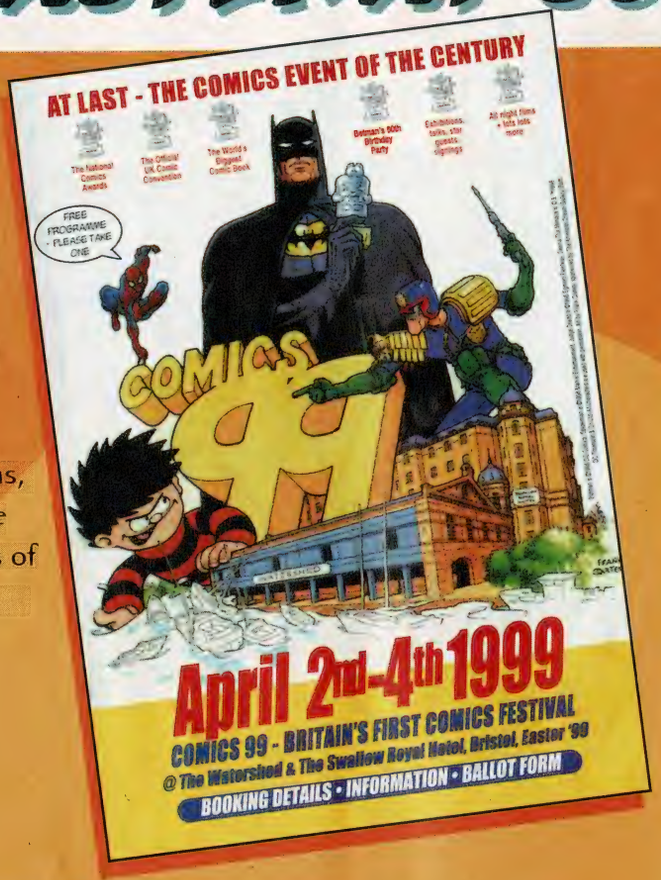
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Art: NICK McMAHON

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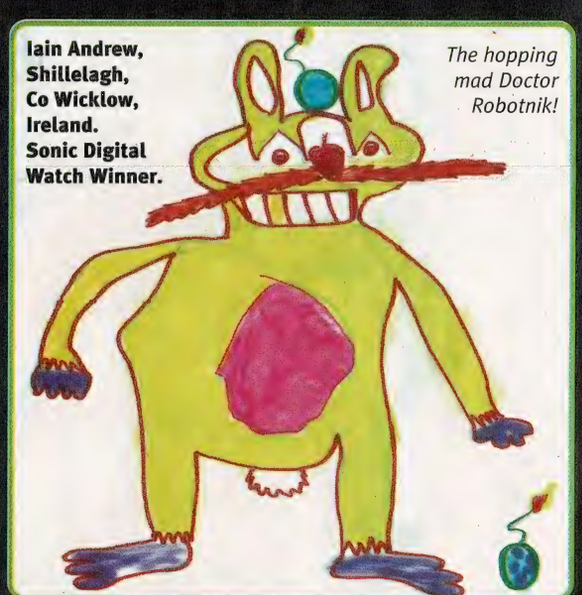

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The hopping mad Doctor Robotnik!

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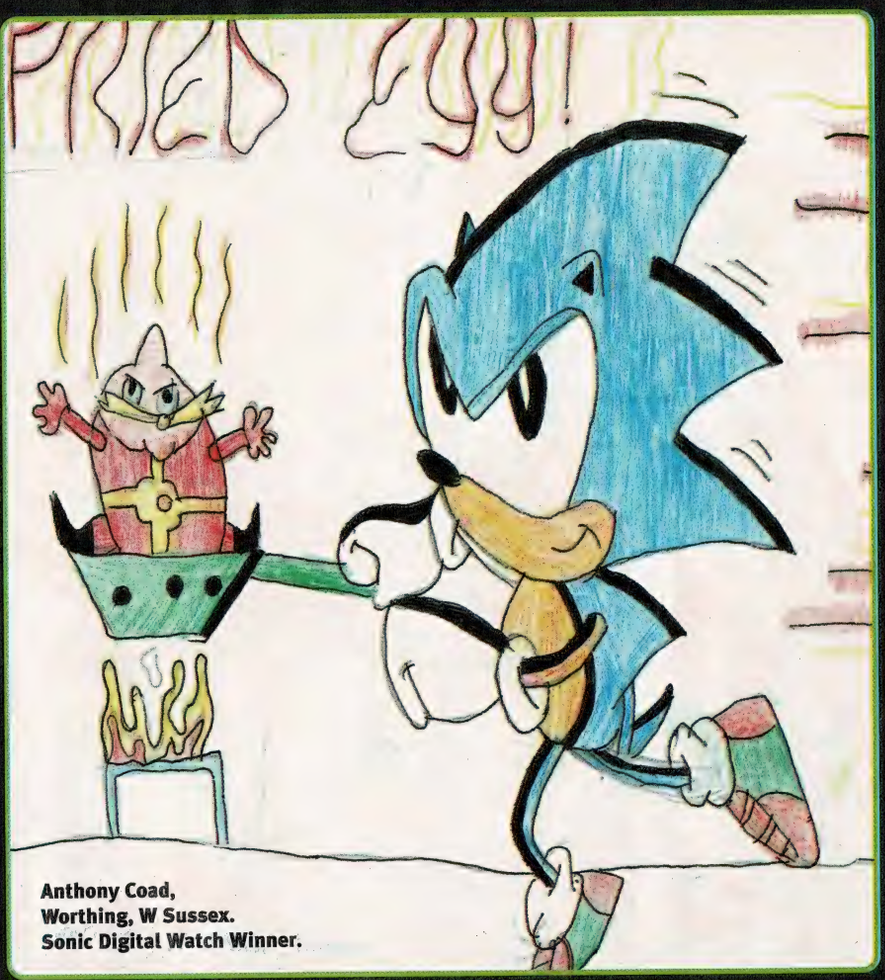

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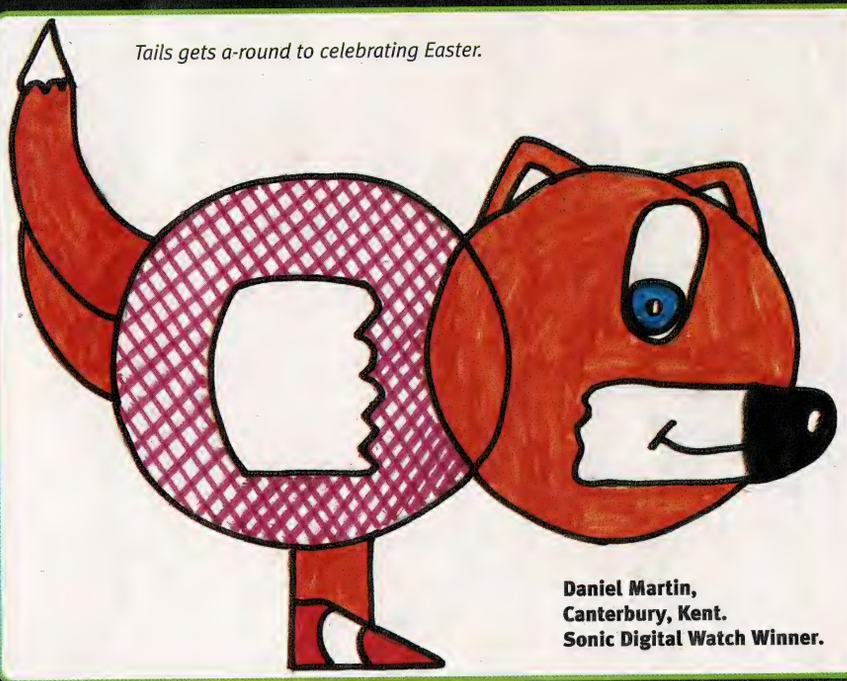
Tails gets a-round to celebrating Easter.



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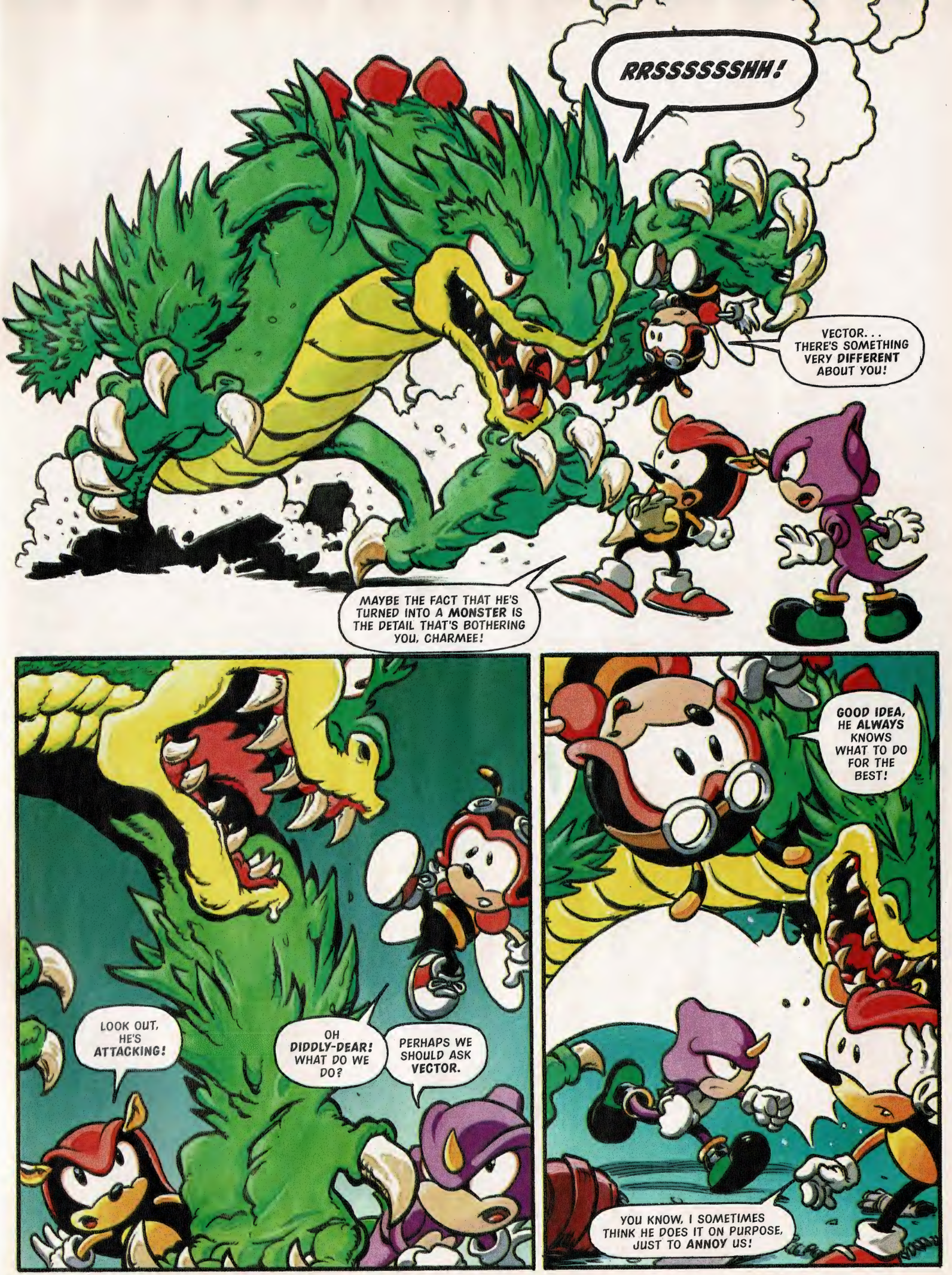
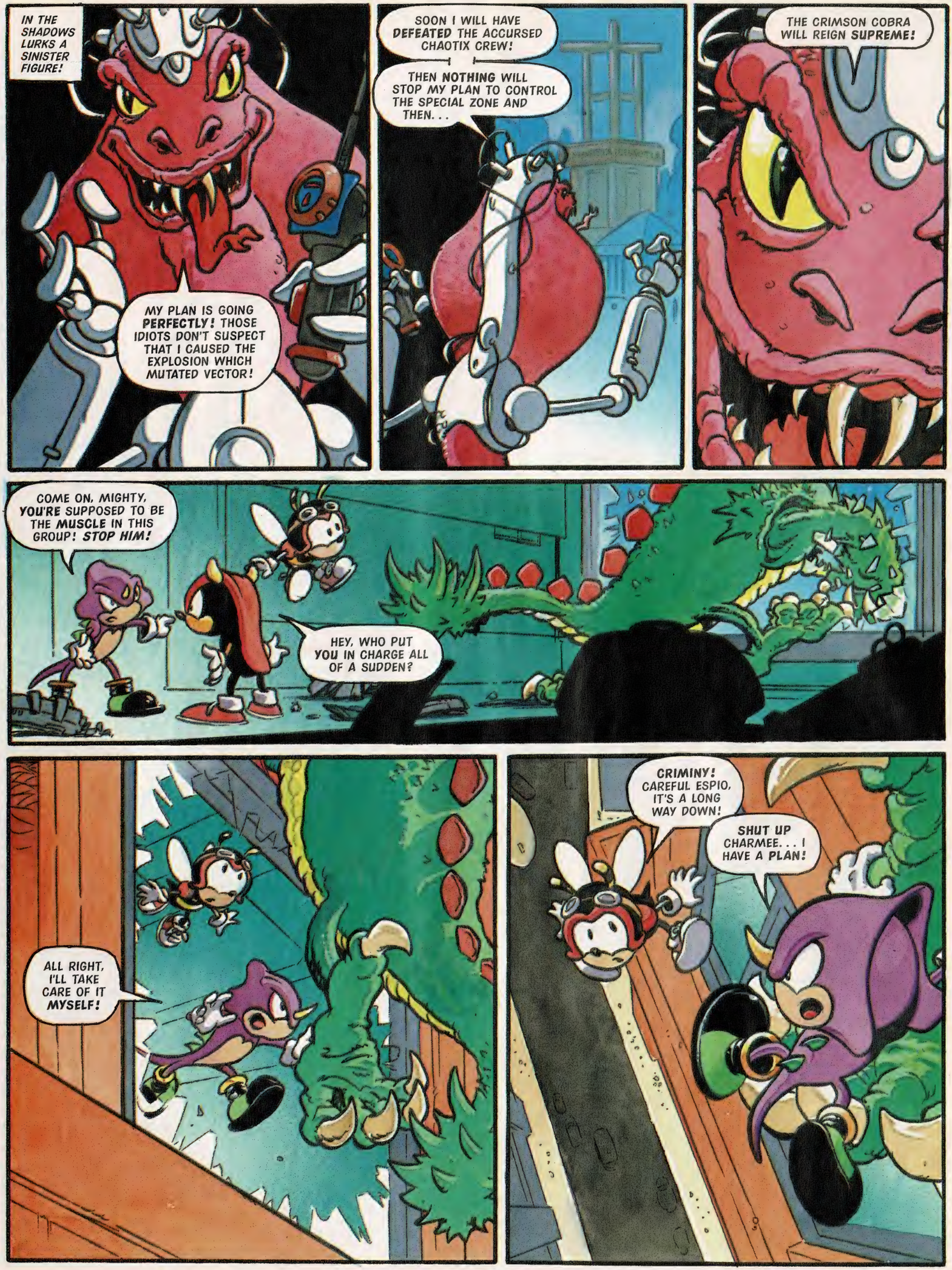
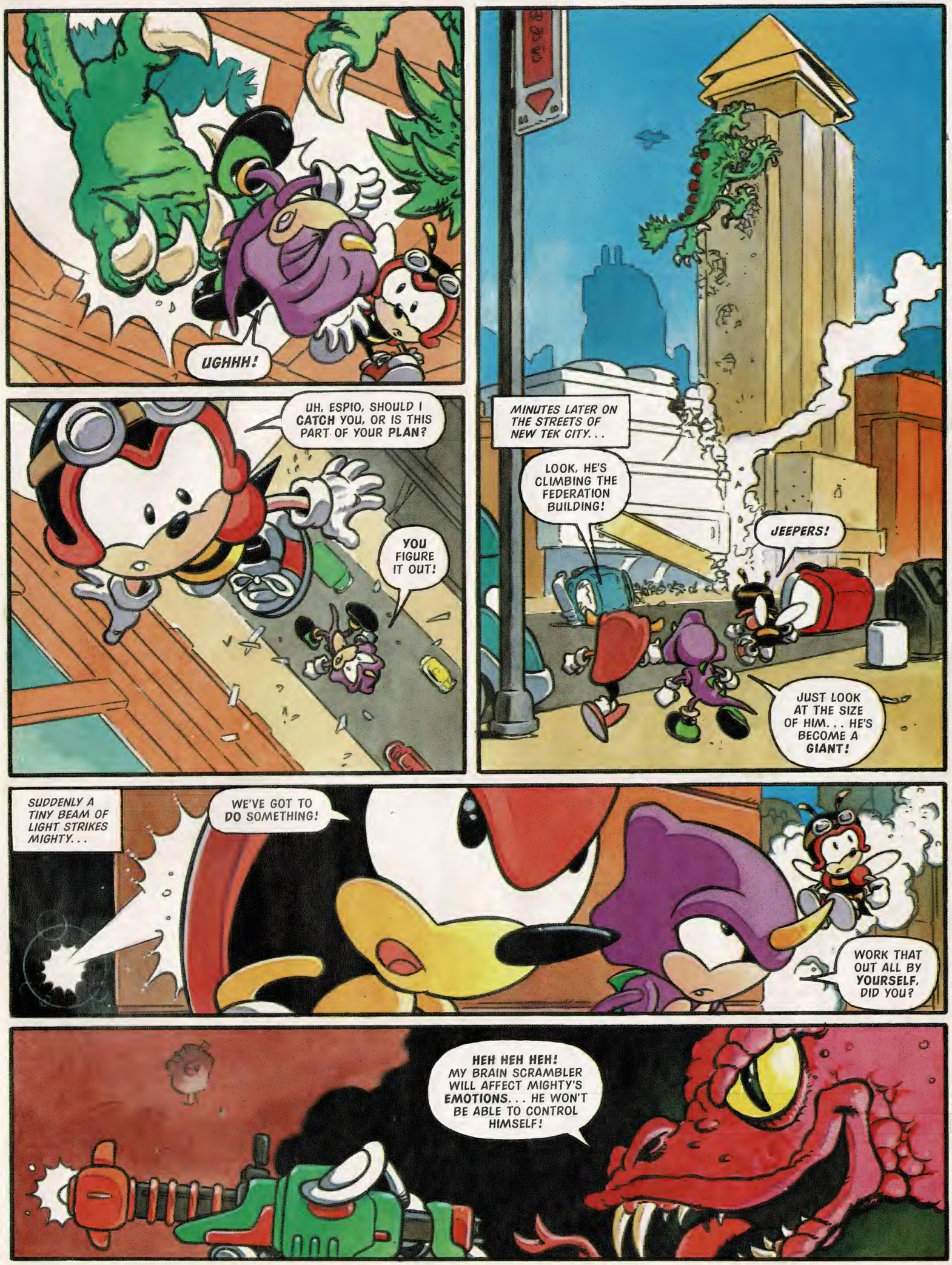
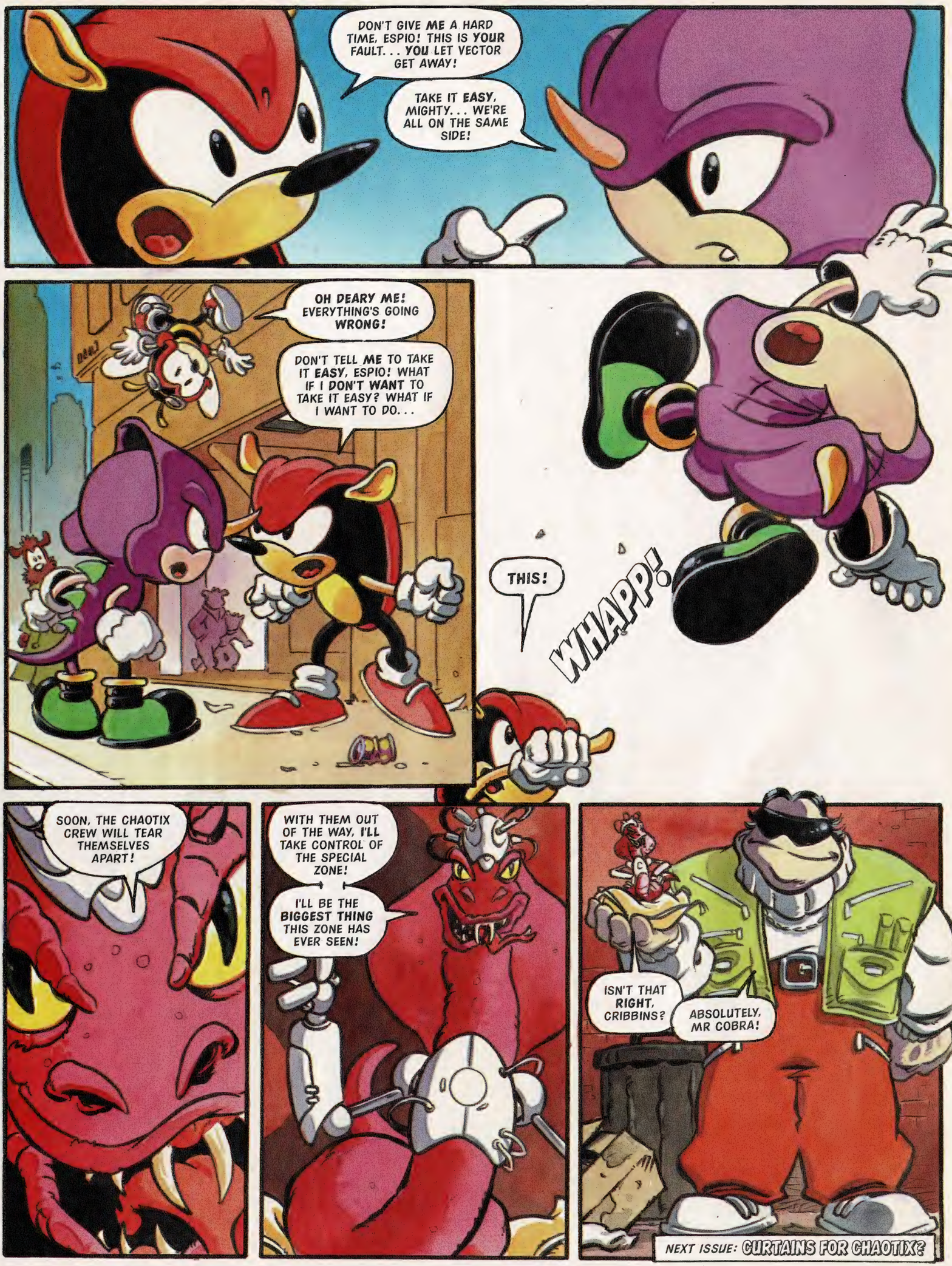
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE, ESPIO?
I DON'T KNOW, MIGHTY. BUT THAT SOUNDED LIKE AN EXPLOSION!
OH CRIMINY! WHERE'S VECTOR?
VECTOR CAN YOU HEAR US? WHAT HAPPENED?
UH OH... I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW!
CHAOTIX
NEW PART 1
Crimson Cobra Strikes
Script Nigel Kitching • Art Nigel Dobbyn • Lettering Tom Frame


RRSSSSSSHH!
VECTOR... THERE'S SOMETHING VERY DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU!
MAYBE THE FACT THAT HE'S TURNED INTO A MONSTER IS THE DETAIL THAT'S BOTHERING YOU, CHARMEE!
LOOK OUT, HE'S ATTACKING!
OH DIDDLY-DEAR! WHAT DO WE DO?
PERHAPS WE SHOULD ASK VECTOR.
GOOD IDEA, HE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO FOR THE BEST!
YOU KNOW, I SOMETIMES THINK HE DOES IT ON PURPOSE, JUST TO ANNOY US!


IN THE SHADOWS LURKS A SINISTER FIGURE!
MY PLAN IS GOING PERFECTLY! THOSE IDIOTS DON'T SUSPECT THAT I CAUSED THE EXPLOSION WHICH MUTATED VECTOR!
SOON I WILL HAVE DEFEATED THE ACCURSED CHAOTIX CREW!
THEN NOTHING WILL STOP MY PLAN TO CONTROL THE SPECIAL ZONE AND THEN. . .
THE CRIMSON COBRA WILL REIGN SUPREME!
COME ON, MIGHTY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE MUSCLE IN THIS GROUP! STOP HIM!
HEY, WHO PUT YOU IN CHARGE ALL OF A SUDDEN?
ALL RIGHT, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT MYSELF!
CRIMINY! CAREFUL ESPIO, IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN!
SHUT UP CHARMEE. . . I HAVE A PLAN!


UGHHH!
UH, ESPIO, SHOULD I CATCH YOU, OR IS THIS PART OF YOUR PLAN?
YOU FIGURE IT OUT!
MINUTES LATER ON THE STREETS OF NEW TEK CITY...
LOOK, HE'S CLIMBING THE FEDERATION BUILDING!
JEEPERS!
JUST LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM... HE'S BECOME A GIANT!
SUDDENLY A TINY BEAM OF LIGHT STRIKES MIGHTY...
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
WORK THAT OUT ALL BY YOURSELF, DID YOU?
HEH HEH HEH! MY BRAIN SCRAMBLER WILL AFFECT MIGHTY'S EMOTIONS... HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL HIMSELF!


DON'T GIVE ME A HARD TIME, ESPIO! THIS IS YOUR FAULT... YOU LET VECTOR GET AWAY!
TAKE IT EASY, MIGHTY... WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE!
OH DEARY ME! EVERYTHING'S GOING WRONG!
DON'T TELL ME TO TAKE IT EASY, ESPIO! WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO TAKE IT EASY? WHAT IF I WANT TO DO...
THIS!
WHAPP!
SOON, THE CHAOTIX CREW WILL TEAR THEMSELVES APART!
WITH THEM OUT OF THE WAY, I'LL TAKE CONTROL OF THE SPECIAL ZONE!
I'LL BE THE BIGGEST THING THIS ZONE HAS EVER SEEN!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, CRIBBINS?
ABSOLUTELY, MR COBRA!
NEXT ISSUE: CURTAINS FOR CHAOTIX?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

The Unbeatable Foe

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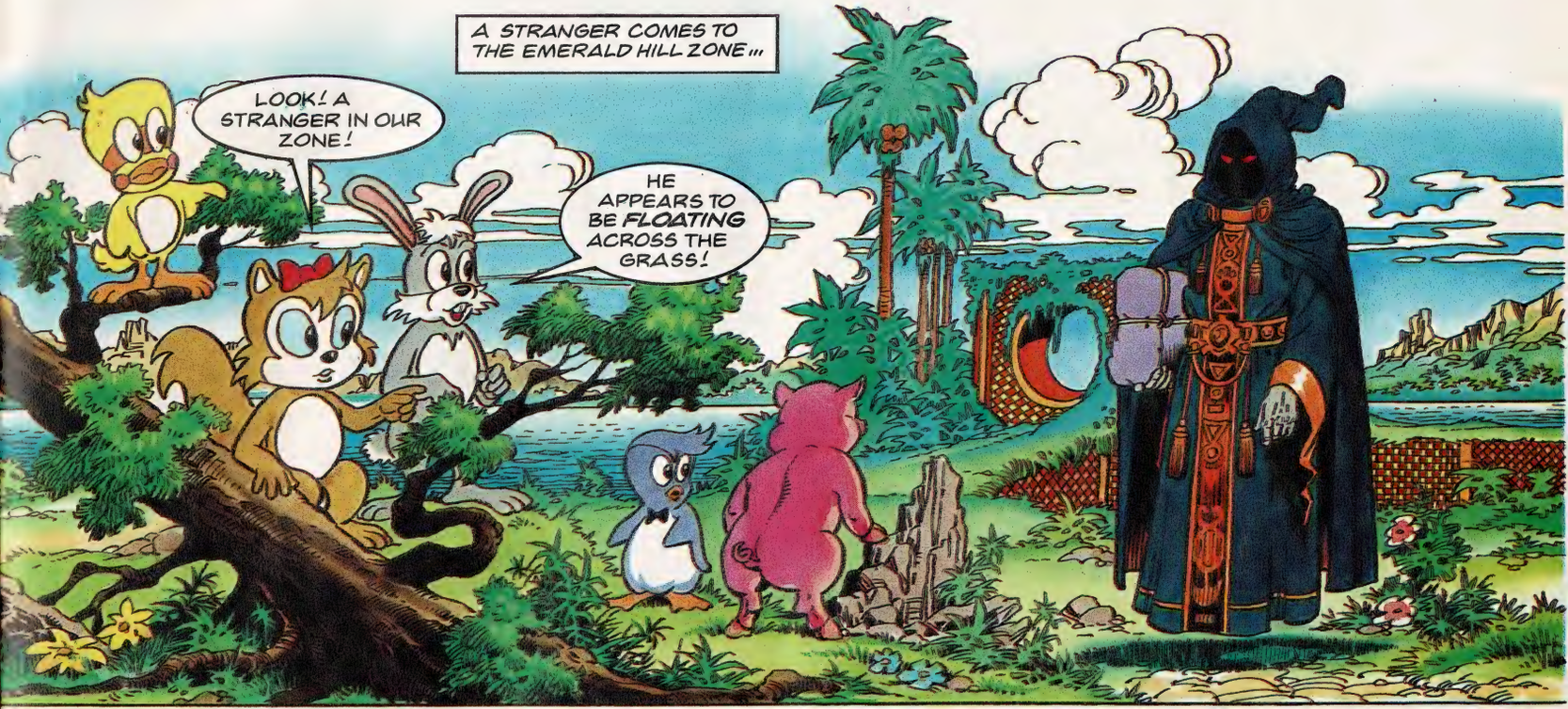
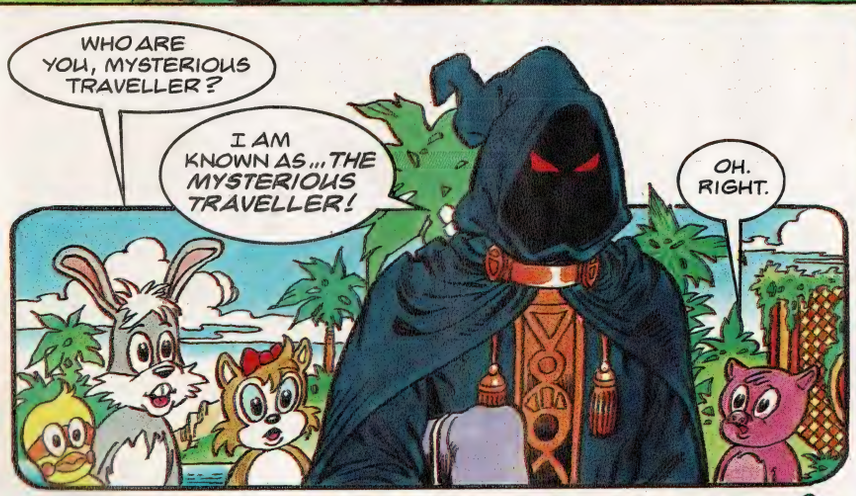
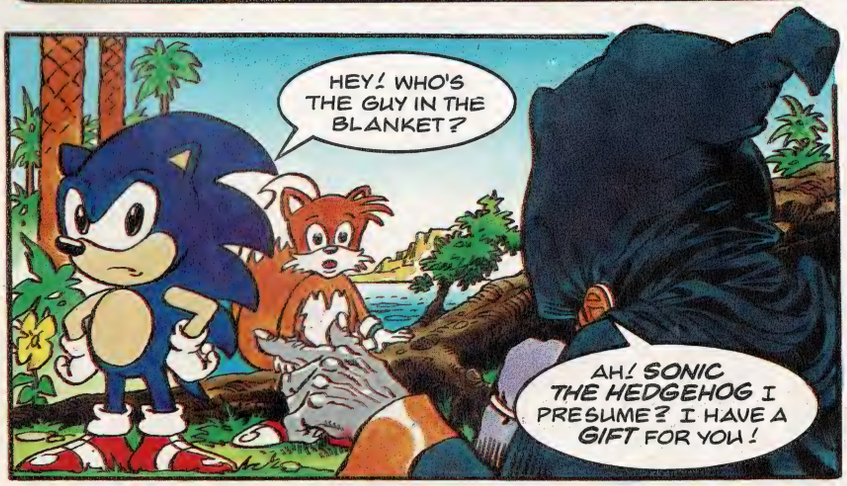




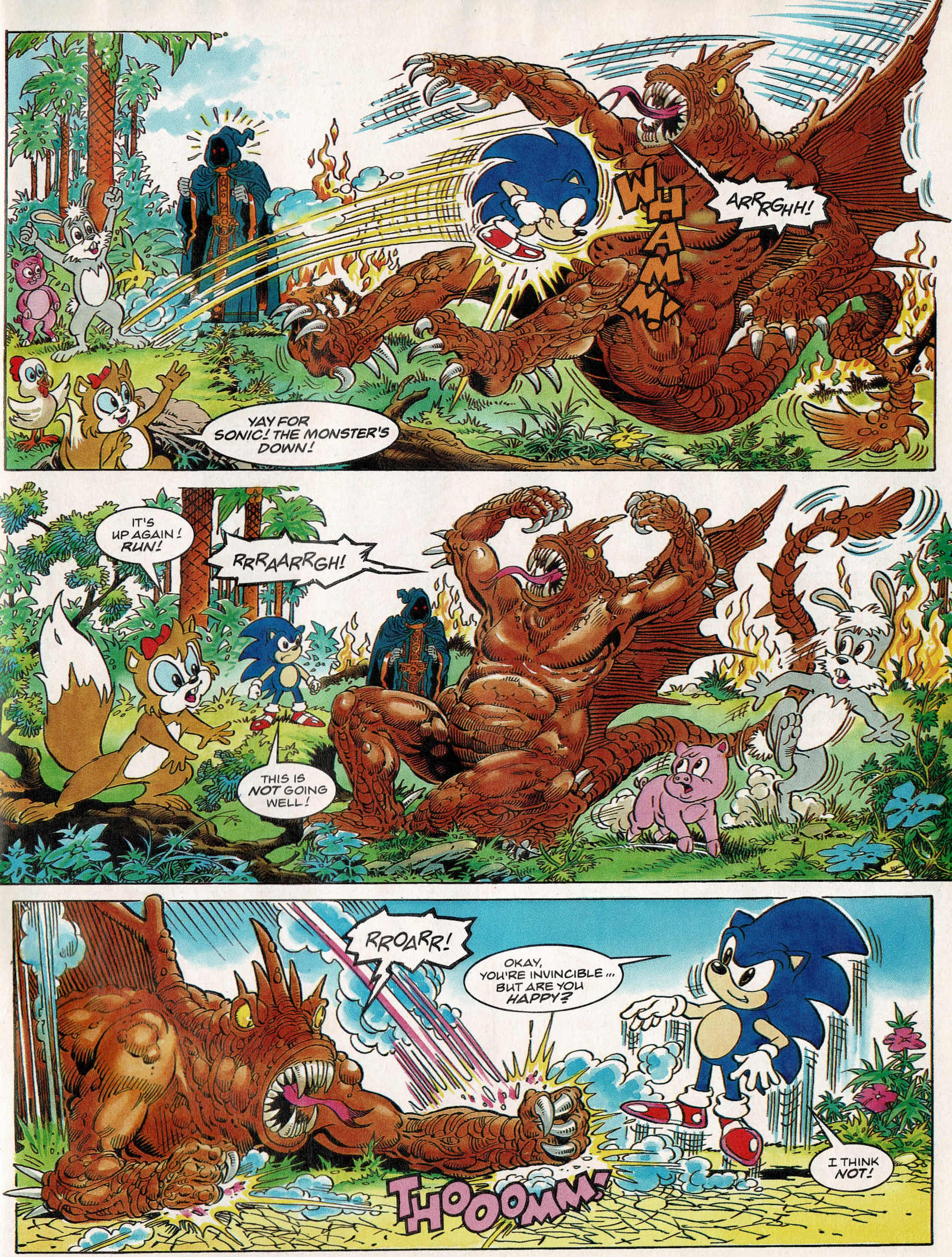


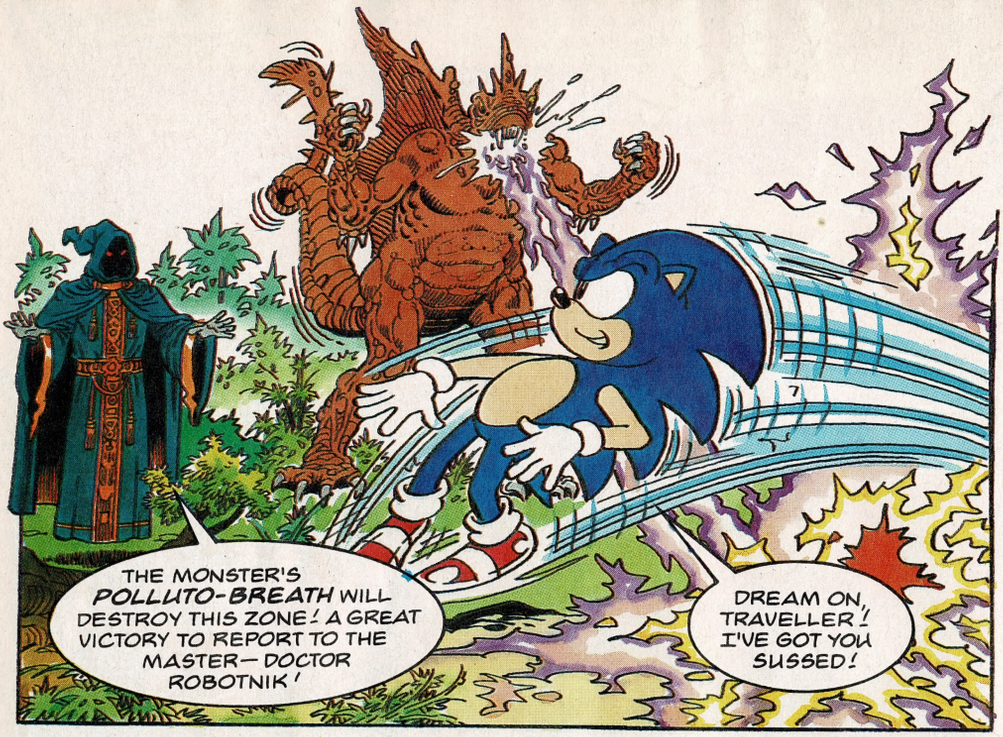
BEHOLD! LEAP ONTO THIS MONITOR AND YOU WILL GAIN MEGA-COOLNESS BEYOND BELIEF!
WOW!
GET REAL! I COULDN'T GET ANY COOLER WITHOUT A SEVERE DROP IN TEMPERATURE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

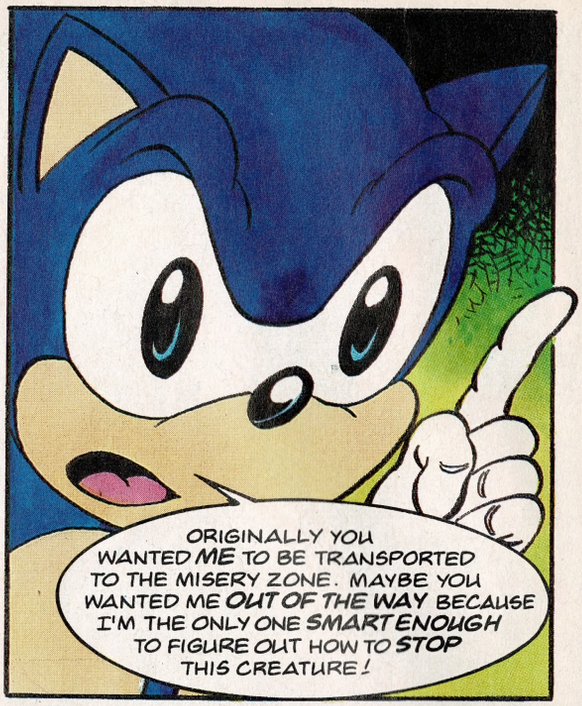
LET ME GUESS – YOU'RE AN AGENT OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WHO'S BEEN SENT HERE TO TRICK ME INTO DEFEAT, RIGHT?
I-I-I AM THE MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLER! I–
WELL YOUR PLAN WON'T WORK!
WE'RE TOO BRIGHT TO BE CAUGHT OUT BY THE OLD 'GIFT' ROUTINE!
'MEGA-COOLNESS BEYOND BELIEF', EH?
IF I BECOME AS COOL AS SONIC I CAN HELP HIM MORE OFTEN!
TAILS! NO!
WHA–?
SHNAFF!
A FLASH OF LIGHT, A SENSE OF VERTIGO, AND TAILS FINDS HIMSELF TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER ZONE... ONE OF THE DARKEST AND DEADLIEST ZONES ON MOBIUS...
...THE MISERY ZONE!
OOER! I WANT TO GO HOME!

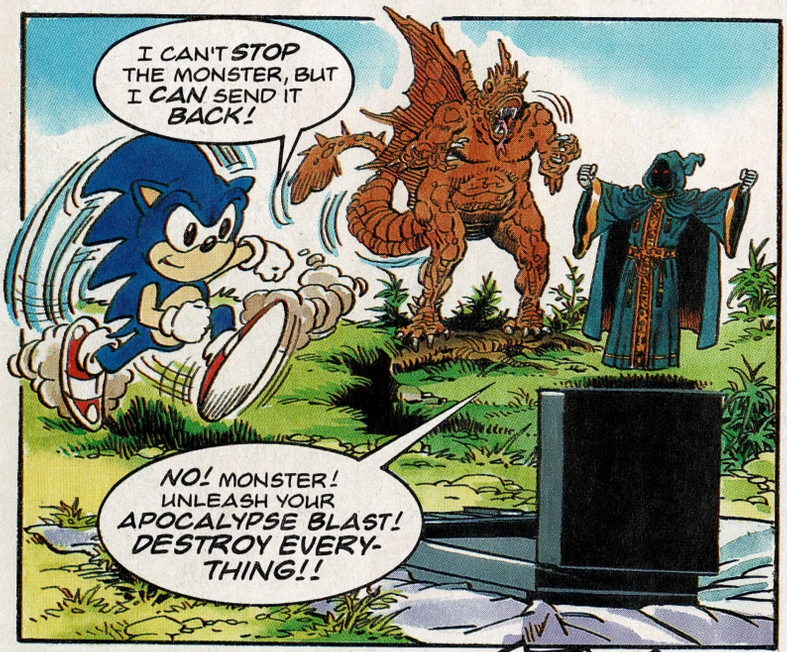
BACK AT THE EMERALD HILL ZONE ...
RRRAAGHH!
YOU WERE RIGHT, SONIC! I AM WORKING FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ... AND YOUR FOOLISH FRIEND TAILS HAS FALLEN INTO THE TRAP PLANNED FOR FOR YOU!
EXPLAIN, CREEPO!
THE MONITOR IS A UNIQUE INTER-ZONE EXCHANGER! ROBOTNIK BUILT IT TO FREE THE DEADLIEST MONSTER FROM THE MISERY ZONE... BUT IT COULD ONLY BE OPERATED IF SOME FOOL TOOK ITS PLACE ...
... YOUR FRIEND TAILS WAS THAT FOOL!
FOOSH!
REMIND ME TO THANK HIM WHEN I SEE HIM AGAIN!
YOU WILL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN! TAILS CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THE MISERY ZONE ...
... AND THIS CREATURE IS UNBEATABLE!
DUMPH!
OOF! WE'LL SEE ...

SONIC ISN'T THE ONLY ONE HAVING A BAD DAY...
SKREE!
SKREE!
I GET THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLER WAS FIBBING ABOUT THAT MONITOR!
I MEAN, IF THIS IS BEING MEGA-COOL, I THINK I'D PREFER TO STAY UNCOOL!
SSKKRAA!
SPEAKING OF MEGA-COOL...
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME WAY TO STOP THIS CONTENDER FOR AN UGLY CONTEST!
FOOOSHH!
THE MONSTER IS INDESTRUCTIBLE! IT EXISTS ONLY TO DESTROY!
IT'S CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO BE BEATEN BY SOME BLUE HEDGE-HOG! HAHAHA!
UGGH! I'M NOT JUST SOME BLUE HEDGEHOG, TRAVELLER...
...I'M THE BLUE HEDGEHOG— SONIC!
DON'T BUG ME!

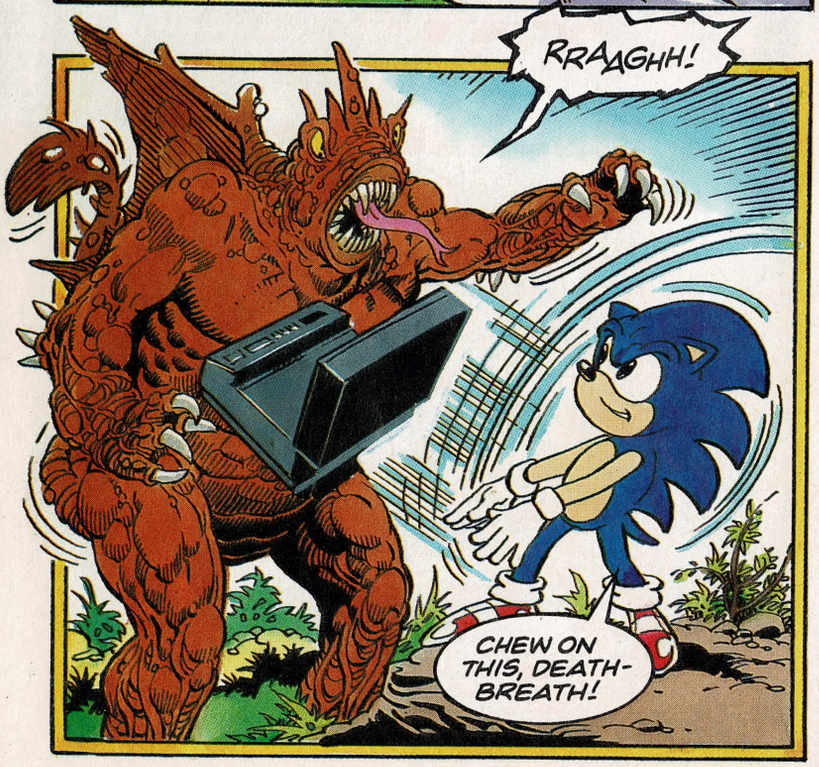

WHAMM!
ARRRGHH!
YAY FOR SONIC! THE MONSTER'S DOWN!
IT'S UP AGAIN! RUN!
RRRAARRGH!
THIS IS NOT GOING WELL!
RROARR!
OKAY, YOU'RE INVINCIBLE... BUT ARE YOU HAPPY?
I THINK NOT!
THOOOMM!


THE MONSTER'S POLLUTO-BREATH WILL DESTROY THIS ZONE! A GREAT VICTORY TO REPORT TO THE MASTER— DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
DREAM ON, TRAVELLER! I'VE GOT YOU SUSSED!

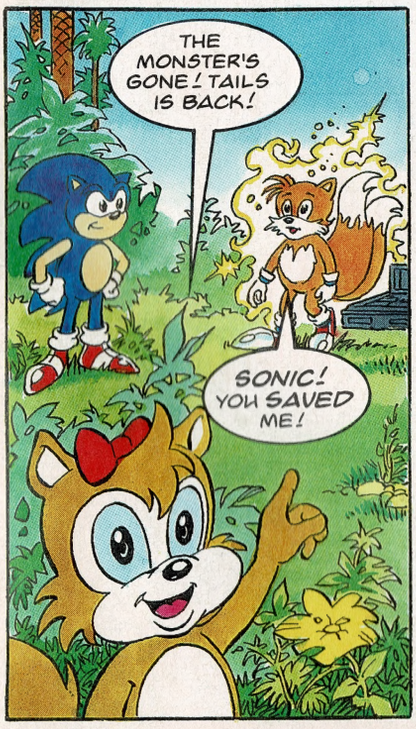

ORIGINALLY YOU WANTED ME TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE MISERY ZONE. MAYBE YOU WANTED ME OUT OF THE WAY BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP THIS CREATURE!

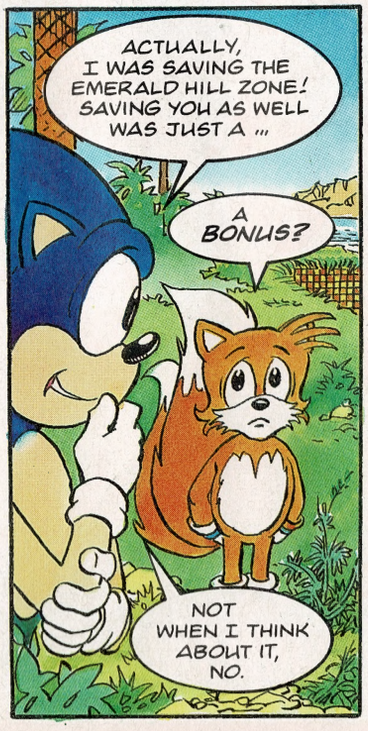

I CAN'T STOP THE MONSTER, BUT I CAN SEND IT BACK!
NO! MONSTER! UNLEASH YOUR APOCALYPSE BLAST! DESTROY EVERY-THING!!

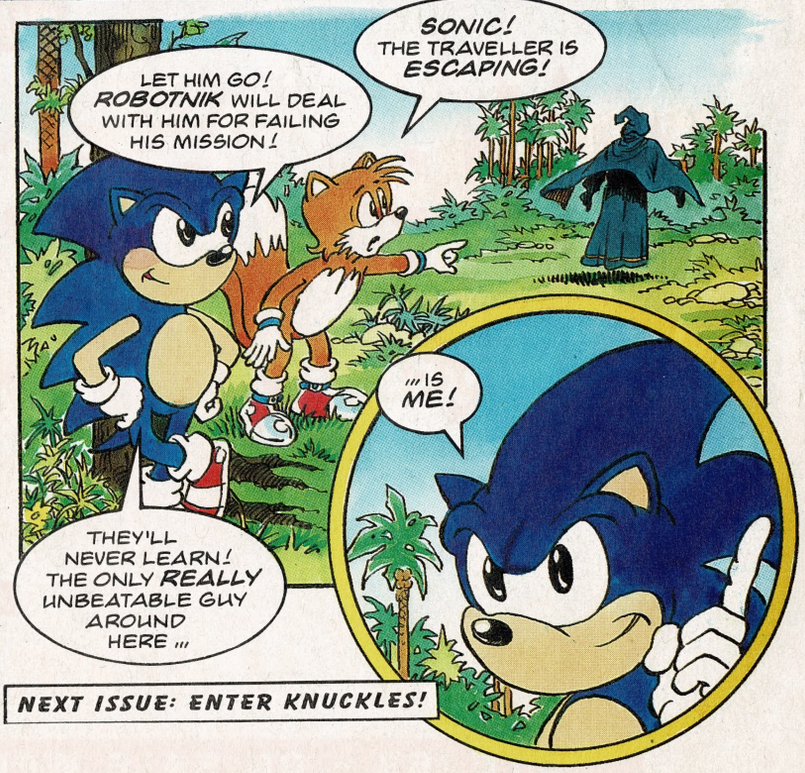
THE MONITOR HITS THE CREATURE AS IT UNLEASHES ITS TERRIBLE APOCALYPSE BLAST...
RRROAARR!
SHAFF!


RRAAGHH!
CHEW ON THIS, DEATH-BREATH!

"...TRANSPORTING THE CREATURE BACK TO ITS OWN ZONE, AND THE FULL FORCE OF THE BLAST ON ITS EVIL INHABITANTS!
FWA-BOOOMM!
SKRREEEK!
RRAAGHH-UH?
AAAIIE!






SONIC! THE TRAVELLER IS ESCAPING!
LET HIM GO! ROBOTNIK WILL DEAL WITH HIM FOR FAILING HIS MISSION!
THEY'LL NEVER LEARN! THE ONLY REALLY UNBEATABLE GUY AROUND HERE ...
...IS ME!

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WHEELING AND DEALING

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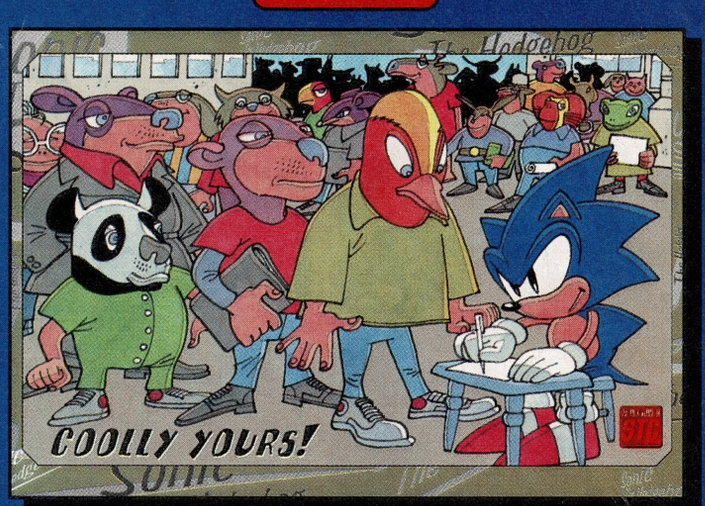
HEART OF EVIL!

NEW SONIC STORY

PIN-UP



FREE BIKE BADGE!

AMY TO CATCH A THIEF!

CHAOTIX TEMPERS FLARE!

And

ON YER BIKE GRAPHIC ZONE!

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